

dealing which is punishable by 10 or more years in prison.

Many police officers around the country are confronting heavily-armed gang members who are wearing bullet-proof vests.

This legislation increases Federal sentences if a person wears body armor in the commission of a Federal offense, by directing the Sentencing Commission to provide for a sentencing enhancement under the Guidelines of at least two levels.

Presently, a 30-day time limit exists for bringing juveniles to trial. With crimes being committed by juveniles becoming increasingly violent and complex, prosecutors need additional time to adequately develop cases. This legislation increases the time limit to 45 days.

This bill adds firearms trafficking violations to the list of crimes that can be attacked by prosecutors under RICO. Currently, firearms violations are not RICO predicate acts. Prosecutors and law enforcement officials indicate an increasing use of firearms by criminal street gangs to commit home robberies, business invasions, and attacks on rival gangs.

Since most of the firearms have moved in interstate commerce—and because firearms are such an integral part of the gang's activity—law enforcement officials have suggested that firearms violations become predicate acts under RICO.

Finally, this legislation authorizes \$100 million over the next 5 years for hiring additional Federal prosecutors to prosecute violent youth gangs.

I don't mean to go into detail, but I really want this body to understand that in this Senator's opinion, and I think Senator HATCH's and our cosponsors', this Nation's No. 1 criminal threat comes from organized street gangs now moving vociferously across State lines and across international lines. If we don't move now, I think we surrender the independence of this Nation to a kind of underground world of street gangs connected in Russia, connected in Asia, connected in Japan, connected in Latin America, and Central America.

What we aim to do is up the penalties and create some new penalties which can really be effective in dealing with crime. The addition of the RICO statutes, the use of asset seizures and forfeitures, treating street gangs today the way mafia organized crime was treated 10 to 15 years ago can make a big dent and deter gangs. Most important to me is that it becomes a Federal offense for anyone to go out there and recruit a member of a gang that moves their stolen goods, illegal immigrants, drugs, guns, murder, extortion, witness intimidation across State lines.

Mr. President, I would like to make one last comment on another subject before I yield the floor.

#### END THE BOMBINGS

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, this morning, on my way to work, on Connecticut Avenue, I ran into the fact that another bomb had been placed at a Planned Parenthood center. This is just January, and the number of these bombings and attempted bombings are already over six.

I rise today really to deplore these acts, and I rise today to say to the right-to-life movement: Please, make clear that terrorism is not part of your agenda. If you fail to do so and fail to do so now, I believe we are in for a terrible siege this year, if the month of January is any indication.

I am also hopeful that the Attorney General will join in the investigation and the subsequent prosecution as our legislation of the last session provides.

I thank the Chair, and I yield the floor.

Mr. GORTON addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Washington.

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that I be permitted to speak for not more than 5 minutes and that my remarks be included with the group of speakers, including the Senator from Iowa, [Mr. GRASSLEY], on alternative minimum tax relief.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. GORTON. I thank the Chair.

(The remarks of Mr. GORTON pertaining to the introduction of S. 181 are located in today's RECORD under "Statements on Introduced Bills and Joint Resolutions.")

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senator from North Dakota, Senator Dornan, is controlling the time until 12 noon.

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I think the President said, "Mr. Dornan." Mr. Dornan is no longer serving in the House. I am Senator DORGAN from North Dakota. I would observe—I know the Senator knows the difference—but there is a substantial difference between former Congressman Dornan and Senator DORGAN.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. And the President apologizes for that. Mr. DORGAN, I do apologize. You are recognized, and you control the time until noon.

Mr. DORGAN. The President need not apologize. I was just calling attention to it.

Let me yield a couple minutes—

Mr. REID. How about 3 minutes.

Mr. DORGAN. Three minutes to the Senator from Nevada, Senator REID.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada.

#### ABORTION AND VIOLENCE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, prior to coming to this body I was an attorney, practiced law, I have great respect for the law. I tried dozens and dozens of cases before juries. I did not always agree with the result of the verdicts that the jury came to, but I always re-

spected what they did, their obligation to do what they felt was right. The U.S. Supreme Court, and other courts—I do not always agree with their decisions, but I respect the United States being a body that follows the law. We respect the law. We follow the law.

Mr. President, on the 24th anniversary of the Roe versus Wade decision, I feel it is appropriate that I come and offer a few words today about what is taking place in our country. My record—as you know, is that I am personally opposed to abortion. But, Mr. President, I am also opposed to what is going on in this country today where certain people feel that they are above the law, that the law is something that they can interpret on their own.

There is no justification for what is taking place in America today where violence is almost a way of life in some areas. Today on the news it had appeared that a bomb went off near an abortion clinic here in Washington, DC. It is not clear whether the bomb was meant to destroy the clinic, but all over the country there are abortion clinics that are being bombed. I think that is abhorrent and wrong.

Mr. President, if someone respects life, you cannot choose which life you respect. You cannot only respect the lives of those who agree with you politically or those who agree with certain decisions surrendered by the Supreme Court.

I am adamantly opposed to the use of violence to show one's displeasure with the law. I was the first Member of this body to come to the floor and denounce the killing of Dr. David Gunn in Florida. I am compelled to come to the floor again today, given the most recent bombings of abortion clinics.

It is incumbent upon the leaders of this country to condemn these shameful acts. It is incumbent upon the religious leaders that they condemn these shameful tactics. Yet we need more than people saying, well, I disagree with violence. We need people speaking out against this violence. We need people denouncing these acts. Through their silence, I believe there is an acquiescence to this violence.

The people who perpetrate these bombings are wrong. They are a fringe element. They are extremists who advocate violence as an alternative to meaningful debate and discussion. They believe, I assume, Mr. President, that they are above the law.

Let us continue to have passionate and vigorous debate on this subject and all other subjects, but do not take the law into our own hands. I repeat, those who respect life cannot choose which lives they respect. You cannot only respect the lives of those who agree with us.

Religion teaches us tolerance. This does not mean tolerance for only those people who agree with us. It means tolerance for all. If your message is to protect life, then you do not put other lives in jeopardy by your acts.

We have been told in Holy Scripture, Mr. President, as you have heard it